GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1433
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2000
EXPORT OF BEEDIS
TARUN GOGOI;TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether beedis are exported to various countries from India;

(b) if so, the name of those countries;

(c) the details of income earned therefrom during the last three years;

(d) whether America has stopped the trade of Indian beedis by making the plea of labour norms

(e) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard;

(f) whether the beedis industries of India have been badly affected by the restrictions imposed by America and thepeople engaged in these industries have become the victim of unemployment; and
(g) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) USA, Canada, Australia, UAE, Singapore, Switzerland, S. Arabia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Belgium, Oman, etc.

(c)

Year	Qty.(Tons)	Value(Crores)
1996-97	662	15.96
1997-98	761	20.04
1998-99	998	30.37
1999-00 (Apr- Jan)	887	28.79

Source : Tobacco Board

(d) The US Customs has issued detention orders against importof beedis from a specific Indian exporters namely, M/s Managore Ganesh Bidi Works on the basis of `reasonable suspicion` that forced child labour is being used by the company in manufacturing beedis.

(e) The Government of India has taken up the matter with the appropriate US Government authorities.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.